

(2) 19. (Amended) The premixed liquid monopropellant of claim 18, wherein water is present in the mixture in an amount between 3% to 8%.

REMARKS

By way of the amendment instructions above, claims 17 and 19 have been amended so as to address the Examiner's informalities noted with respect thereto which gave rise to a rejection of such claims in the Official Action of November 24, 2000 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

A formal Appeal Notice and Brief on Appeal are being filed concurrently herewith so as to address the more substantive issues. Thus, since the amendment instructions above (1) relate merely to minor informalities; (2) cannot possibly be asserted to raise "new issues" requiring further search and/or consideration; and (3) place the claims in better form for appeal, their entry under the provisions of Rule 116 is believed to be in order.

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**APPENDIX I**

**Marked-Up Version of Amended Claims Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121(c)**

17. (Amended) The premixed liquid monopropellant of claim 15 [or 16], wherein the hydrogen peroxide is present in the mixture in an amount between 77% to 80%.

19. (Amended) The premixed liquid monopropellant of claim [17] 18, wherein water is present in the mixture in an amount between 3% to 8%.